



236 Grove Street, East Berlin

1892

Julius W. Burr (1822-1909) and Julia Cornwell  
(1823-1890)

Victorian

1985 Townwide Historical and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut Survey #049

1893 Julius W. Burr Victorian current owner: Shirley Gervais

2018 Town of Berlin GIS Index

1892 current owner: Dawn Gormley

### Genealogical Information

Julius Burr (1822-1909) built this house in 1893. He lived at 498 Main Street, East Berlin. The house at 236 Grove Street was sold to Maurice/Morris Westcott who probably rented it. In 1907 Minnie Dickinson bought the property.

Julius Burr, son of Daniel Burr and Betsey Wilcox. In 1845 he married Julia Cornwell, daughter of Joseph Cornwell and Lucinda Miller. They had children: Emma, Ella, Lucy. They are buried in the Minner Cemetery in Middletown, CT.

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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| Town No.:  | Site No.:  |
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| QUAD:  |  |
| DISTRICT   | IF NR. SPECIFY   |
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|----------------|--|--|------------------------|--------|
| IDENTIFICATION | 1. BUILDING NAME (Common)                                  |  | (Historic)             |        |
|                | 2. TOWN/CITY   |  | VILLAGE                | COUNTY |
|                | 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)                     |  |                        |        |
|                | 4. OWNER(S)  |  |                        |        |
|                | 5. USE (Present)   |  | (Historic)             |        |
|                | 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:                                |  | IF YES, EXPLAIN        |        |
|                | 7. STYLE OF BUILDING                                       |  | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION   |        |
|                | 8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) |  |                        |        |
|                | 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM                                       |  |                        |        |
|                | 10. ROOF (Type)  |  |                        |        |
| DESCRIPTION    | 11. NUMBER OF STORIES                                      |  | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS |        |
|                | 12. CONDITION (Structural)                                 |  | (Exterior)             |        |
|                | 13. INTEGRITY (Location)                                   |  | WHEN ? (Alterations)   |        |
|                | 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES             |  |                        |        |
|                | 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT                                |  |                        |        |
|                | 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS         |  |                        |        |
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| <b>PHOTO</b>   | #46<br>PHOTOGRAPHER<br>HRC  |         | DATE<br>11/84                   |  |
|  | VIEW<br>SE  |         | NEGATIVE ON FILE<br>D21         |  |
|  | COMPILED BY<br>NAME<br><b>Historic Resource Consultants</b><br>ORGANIZATION<br><b>The Colt Armory</b><br>ADDRESS<br><b>33 Van Dyke Avenue</b><br><b>Hartford, Connecticut 06106</b>   |         | DATE<br>12/84                   |  |
|  |   |         | 20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION: |  |
| 17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)   |   |         |                                 |  |
| DESCRIPTION (Continued)  | <p>This house has the tall, narrow profile and shallow side ells seen in a great many houses built during the second half of the 19th century. The three-bay facade has a right entry protected by a one-story full-width porch. Most porch fabric is of recent origin, but it retains small jigsawn post brackets. Windows on all elevations have peaked caps above friezes with triple raised panels; they are generally fitted with 2-over-2 sash. Front and side gables have staggered-butt shingles, attic windows with peaked caps, and vergeboards with recessed panels on rake-end brackets. There is an old detached garage/shed which mimics the "salt box" profile of a colonial house.</p>  |         |                                 |  |
| 18 ARCHITECT   |   | BUILDER |                                 |  |
| SIGNIFICANCE   | <p>19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>Architecturally, this house is significant as a simple but well-preserved building from the Victorian Vernacular period. The gable-and-ell plan is common in a wide variety of 19th-century dwellings; this example has the decorative woodwork which marked the Victorian Vernacular era. The peaked caps and friezes above the windows are an attractive and relatively uncommon feature.</p> <p>Historically, this house is significant as a good example of the type of modest Victorian Vernacular housing built for the expanding population of East Berlin during the 1880s and 1890s (the boom years of the Berlin Iron Bridge Company). The probable builder was Julius W. Burr, about whom little could be discovered. He apparently built the house about 1893 and sold it immediately thereafter to Maurice (also seen as Morris)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued)</p> |         |                                 |  |
| SOURCES  | <p>1900 Census<br/>Berlin Land Records 44:169 (1893)</p>  |         |                                 |  |
| 21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE   |   |         |                                 |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known <input type="checkbox"/> Highways <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Developers <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |   |         |                                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____          |   |         |                                 |  |



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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Julius W. Burr House

19. (continued):

Westcott, who had numerous real estate dealings in East Berlin and presumably rented the house out. In 1907, after the end of the East Berlin housing boom, Westcott sold the house to Minnie J. Dickinson.